IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF XIAOJUN HAN, et al.

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 EXAMINER: TRUONG

FOR: IMIDAZOLYL DERIVATIVES AS CORTICOTROPIN RELEASING FACTOR

INHIBITORS

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Dear Sir:

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

This Reply and Amendment is a timely response to an Office Action mailed October 20, 2006, having a three month shortened statutory period for reply ending January 20, 2007. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 and 16 are rejected. Claim 15 is objected to. Applicants have amended the specification and claim 16.